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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-1998 SA
CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

Respondent.

### AMENDED ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

This Order amends the Order Denying Reinstatement of License filed on December 15, 2004.

On July 6, 2000, a Decision was rendered in Department of Real Estate ("Department") case no. H-28209 LA revoking Respondent's real estate salesperson license. On July 19, 2000, Respondent petitioned for reconsideration of the Decision. The Decision which was to become effective on August 3, 2000 was stayed until September 15, 2000. On September 13, 2000, an Order Denying Reconsideration was filed.

On March 13, 2003, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said license and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of the petition.

I have considered Respondent's petition and the evidence and arguments in support thereof. Respondent has failed to demonstrate to my satisfaction that Respondent has undergone sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the issuance to Respondent of an unrestricted real estate salesperson license, in that:

In the 2000 Decision which revoked Respondent's real estate salesperson license, there were determinations of issues made that there was cause to revoke Respondent's restricted real estate salesperson license pursuant to Business and Professions Code ("Code") Sections 10176(a), 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(k).

The facts underlying said Decision were that on

January 12, 1998, Respondent took a listing for an Exclusive

Authorization to Rent or Lease ("Agreement") certain real

property in Irvine, California for the owners of the property.

The Agreement gave Respondent the right to locate a tenant for a

one-year lease. Respondent rented the property without obtaining
the owners signature on a written lease. The tenant did not have
the ability or intent to pay rent and an eviction process was
initiated. Respondent had sufficient notice that the tenant was
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The facts underlying said Decision were that in 1992, Respondent acted as a real estate broker when he was not so licensed; Respondent failed to place trust funds received into his employing broker's trust fund account; and Respondent accepted employment from someone other than his employing broker.

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On August 24, 1999, an Order Suspending Restricted Real Estate License was filed against Respondent in Department Case No. H-28209 LA. Respondent's restricted real estate salesperson license was suspended as a result of the filing of an Accusation by the Department charging Respondent with violating the Real Estate Law.

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On or about March 6, 2000, Respondent made application to the Department for a real estate broker license. A Statement of Issues was filed against Respondent's application in Department case No. H-29063 LA.

On August 20, 2001, a Decision was rendered in

Department case No. H-29063 LA, denying Respondent's application.

There were conclusions of law made that there was cause to deny

Respondent's application for a real estate broker license

pursuant to Code Section 10177(f), due to the prior disciplinary

actions against Respondent.

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The burden of proving rehabilitation rests with the petitioner (Feinstein v. State Bar (1952) 39 Cal. 2d 541). A petitioner is required to show greater proof of honesty and integrity than an applicant for first time licensure. The proof must be sufficient to overcome the prior adverse judgment on the applicant's character (Tardiff v. State Bar (1980) 27 Cal. 3d 395).

The Department has developed criteria in Section 2911 of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations

(Regulations) to assist in evaluating the rehabilitation of an applicant for reinstatement of a license. Among the criteria relevant in this proceeding are:

Regulation 2911(a): A longer period than two years will be required if there is a history of acts or conduct substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee. Considering Respondent's history of disciplinary actions additional time is needed to assess his rehabilitation.

Regulation 2911(i): Completion of, or enrollment in, educational or vocational training courses. Respondent has not submitted proof of such completion.

Regulation 2911(j): Discharge of or bona fide efforts toward discharging, adjudicated debts or monetary obligations to others. Respondent has approximately twelve (12) federal and tax liens against him totaling approximately \$1,084,596. Respondent has not provided proof that the tax liens have been paid or that he has made bona fide efforts to pay the tax liens.

Regulation 2911(1): Significant or conscientious involvement in community, church, or social programs. Respondent has not submitted proof of such involvement.

Regulation 2911(n)(1): Change in attitude from that which existed at the time of the conduct as evidenced by the testimony of Respondent. As part of the petition application process, Respondent was interviewed by a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner ("Deputy"). The Deputy determined that Respondent did not present a change in attitude. Respondent made statements that conflicted with statements made at the hearing and

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Respondent blamed others for the facts that led to the revocation of his real estate license.

Given the fact that Respondent has not established that he has met the criteria of Regulations 2911(a), 2911(i), 2911(j), 2911(l) and 2911(n)(l), I am not satisfied that Respondent is sufficiently rehabilitated to receive a real estate salesperson license.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for reinstatement of Respondent's real estate salesperson license is denied.

I am satisfied, however, that it will not be against the public interest to issue a restricted real estate salesperson license to Respondent.

A restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Code Section 10156.5 if Respondent within twelve (12) months from the date hereof:

- (a) makes application therefor and pays the appropriate fee for said license.
- (b) <u>submits evidence of having</u>, <u>since the most recent</u> issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license.

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The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Code Section 10156.7 and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Code Section 10156.6:

- 1. Within ninety (90) days after issuance of a restricted license, Respondent shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that he has entered into payment plan agreements with each Federal and State entity that holds a tax lien against him.
- 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related.
- 3. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.
- 4. During the term of the restricted license,
  Respondent shall submit proof to Manager of the Crisis Response
  Team in the Los Angeles District Office, that he is making
  payments as agreed, to each Federal and State entity that holds
  a tax lien against him. Such proof shall be submitted twice a
  year, at the end of each June and December.

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- 5. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations, or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.
- 6. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or with any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department which shall certify:
- (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and

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(b) That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is required. This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon February 3, 2005 -11-05 JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner Charles D. Riebe 29 Timbergate Irvine, CA 92614

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

NO. H-1998 SA

H-28209 LA

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for reinstatement of Respondent's real estate salesperson license is denied.

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I am satisfied, however, that it will not be against the public interest to issue a restricted real estate salesperson license to Respondent.

A restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Code Section 10156.5 if Respondent within nine (9) months from the date hereof:

- (a) makes application therefor and pays the appropriate fee for said license.
- (b) <u>submits evidence of having</u>, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate

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has failed to report to the Manager of the Crisis Response Team as indicated above.

- 4. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.
- 5. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or with any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department which shall certify:
- (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
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## This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon

on \_\_ January 4, 2005

DATED: Decenley 19 2004

JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

cc: Charles D. Riebe 29 Timbergate Irvine, CA 92614

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#### DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

DRE No. H-1998 SA
OAH No. L-9507101

Respondent.

#### DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION

On January 30, 1997, a Decision was rendered herein by the Real Estate Commissioner which revoked the real estate salesperson license and license rights of respondent. Said Decision was to become effective on February 26, 1997.

On February 17, 1997, respondent petitioned for reconsideration of said Decision. On February 21, 1997, a stay was granted for a period of 30 days, staying the effective date until March 28, 1997. I have considered the petition of respondent and have concluded that good cause has been presented for reconsideration of the Decision of January 30, 1997, for the limited purpose of determining whether the disciplinary action therein imposed should be reduced.

COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) I have reconsidered said Decision and it is hereby ordered that the disciplinary action therein imposed against the real estate salesperson license of respondent be reduced by modifying the Order of said Decision to read as follows:

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

- A. The license and license rights of respondent CHARLES

  DUFFY RIEBE under the provision of Part 1 of Division 4 of the

  Business and Professions Code are hereby revoked.
- B. A restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code upon respondent's application and payment of the appropriate fee, provided the application is made within 180 days from the effective date of the Decision herein.
- C. The restricted license issued to respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of the Code:
- 1. The restricted license may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event that respondent is convicted or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a crime which bears a significant relationship to the fitness or capacity of respondent to the functions of a real estate license.
- 2. The restricted license may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the



COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, or conditions attaching to the restricted license.

- a. Respondent shall, within twelve months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.
- 4. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until at least one year has elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.
- 5. As a further precondition to issuance of a restricted real estate salesperson license, respondent CHARLES

  DUFFY RIEBE shall present evidence satisfactory to the Real

  Estate Commissioner that he has made restitution to Candice

  Taecker-Alexander in the amount of \$2,218.56 plus interest. In the event that respondent cannot locate Candice Taecker-Alexander, restitution may be made by tendering a cashier's check in said amount with the Department of Real Estate.

- 6. With the application for license, or with the application for transfer to a new employing broker, respondent shall submit a statement signed by the prospective employing broker on a form approved by the Department of Real Estate wherein the employing broker shall certify as follows:
  - (a) That the broker has read the Order herein and the Decision which is the basis for the issuance of the restricted license; and
  - (b) That broker will carefully review all transaction documents prepared by the restricted licensee and otherwise exercise close supervision over the licensee's performance of acts for which a license is required.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon

on April 29, 1997

IT IS SO ORDERED

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JIM ANTT, JR. Real Estate Commissioner

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COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-85)

In the Matter of the Accusation of	)	
CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,	) ) )	H-1998 SA L-9507101
Respondent,	) ) )	*

#### ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE

On January 30, 1997, a Decision was rendered in the above-entitled matter to become effective February 26, 1997. On February 21, 1997, an ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE stayed the effective date of February 26, 1997 for 30 days, staying the effective date until March 28, 1997.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the Decision of January 30, 1997, is stayed for an additional period of 10 days.

The Decision of January 30, 1997, shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on April 9, 1997..

DATED: March 28, 1997

Randolph Brendia Regional Manager

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#### ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the Decision of January 30, 1997, is stayed for a period of 30 days.

The Decision of January 30, 1997, shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on March 28, 1997.

DATED: February 21, 1997.

JIM ANTT, JR.
Real Estate Commissioner

By:

RANDOLPH BRENDIA Regional Manager

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## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

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Respondent.

#### DECISION AFTER REJECTION

The matter came on for hearing before H. Stuart Waxman, Pro Tempore Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative hearings, in Los Angeles, California, on March 1, 1996.

Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel, represented the complainant. Respondent appeared without counsel.

Evidence was received, the hearing was closed, and the matter was submitted.

On March 8, 1996, the Administrative Law Judge submitted a Proposed Decision which I declined to adopt as my Decision Pursuant to Section 11517(c) of the Government Code of herein. the State of California Respondent was served with notice of my

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determination not to adopt the Proposed Decision of the

Administrative Law Judge along with a copy of said Proposed

Decision. Respondent was notified that the case would be decided

by me upon the record, the transcript of proceedings held on March

1, 1996, and upon any written argument offered by Respondent after

the transcript was received. The transcript was received on

December 12, 1996. Respondent was notified of this fact and given

until December 31, 1996 to submit further argument.

No argument has been submitted on behalf of Respondent.

I have given careful consideration to the record in this case, including the transcript of proceedings of March 1, 1996.

The following shall constitute the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner in the above entitled matter:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings Of Fact set forth in the Proposed Decision dated March 8, 1996 of the Administrative Law Judge are hereby adopted as the Findings of Fact of the Real Estate Commissioner in the above-entitled matter.

The Determination of Issues are also adopted by the Real Estate Commissioner except for Paragraph 3.

#### DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

Cause exists under the provisions of Business and Professions Code Sections 10130, 10137, 10145(c), 10177(d) and 10177(g) to discipline Respondent's real estate salesperson license.

Contrary to the Finding and Order of the Administrative
Law Judge, I do not feel there are adequate or sufficient

mitigating circumstances to establish that the public would be adequately protected if respondent were allowed to keep his present real estate salesperson license, albeit suspended, due to the seriousness of the respondent's activities in acting in the capacity as a real estate broker while licensed as a real estate salesperson, accepting employment from other than his employing broker, failing to place received trust funds into his broker's trust account, for willful violation of the real estate law, negligence and for failing to make restitution to Candice Taecker-Alexander in the amount of \$2218.56.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

The real estate salesperson license of respondent CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE for is hereby revoked.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon

on February 26, 1997

IT IS SO ORDERED //30/9

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Real Estate Commissioner

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11 In the Matter of the Accusation of )

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

Respondent.

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#### NOTICE

TO: CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE, Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Proposed Decision herein dated March 8, 1996, of the Administrative Law Judge is <u>not</u> adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner. A copy of the Proposed Decision dated March 8, 1996, is attached for your information.

In accordance with Section 11517(c) of the Government Code of the State of California, the disposition of this case will be determined by me after consideration of the record herein including the transcript of the proceedings held on March 1, 1996, and any written argument hereafter submitted on behalf of respondent and complainant.

COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95)

Written argument of respondent to be considered by me must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the transcript of the proceedings of March 1, 1996, at the Los Angeles office of the Department of Real Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause shown.

Written argument of complainant to be considered by me must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the argument of respondent at the Los Angeles office of the Department of Real Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause shown.

DATED:  $\frac{4/12/96}{}$ 

JIM ANTT, JR.
Real Estate Commissioner

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#### PROPOSED DECISION

This matter came on regularly for hearing before H. Stuart Waxman, Pro Tempore Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, at Los Angeles, California on March 1, 1996. Complainant, Thomas McCrady and the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), were represented by Elliott Mac Lennan, Real Estate Counsel. Respondent, Charles Duffy Riebe, was present and represented himself.

Oral and documentary evidence was received, and the matter was submitted for decision.

Complainant's counsel orally amended Complainant's Exhibit 2, the License Certification of respondent, to indicate that respondent's real estate salesperson's license is scheduled to expire on October 17, 1999.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge makes the following Findings of Fact:

- 1. The Accusation was made by Thomas McCrady, complainant, who is a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, acting in his official capacity.
- 2. Respondent was issued a license as a real estate salesperson by the Department of Real Estate on a date prior to January 1, 1992. (No evidence was presented containing the date of original licensure. However, respondent testified that he had been a real estate salesperson for nineteen (19) years.) The license is due to expire on October 17, 1999.

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- 3. At all times relevant to this matter, respondent was employed as a real estate salesperson by RE/MAX of Irvine. During at least part of that time, respondent held himself out as, and did business as a real property manager. Included in the services he offered was the collection of rents on properties he managed for his clients.
- 4. Respondent collected fees for his services. In so doing, he acted as a principal. He failed to specifically disclose to his clients that he was not an individual real estate broker.
- 5. In or about March of 1992, respondent was retained by Candice Taecker-Alexander ("Alexander") to manage a property owned by Alexander. In so doing, respondent received rental receipts from the tenant on the property, and received compensation for his services.
- 6. Respondent placed monies received in connection with the Alexander property into a banking account. The account was in respondent's name but was reserved specifically for funds received and disbursed in connection with his property management activities. Respondent did not use the account as a personal banking account.
- 7. The banking account referenced in paragraph 5, above, was not a trust account. Respondent testified that he did not open a trust account for his property management activities because he was unaware of his obligation to do so.
- 8. Respondent subsequently encountered personal financial difficulties which resulted in the funds contained in the banking account referenced above being seized by the Internal Revenue Service. Included in those funds was a sum owed by respondent to Alexander.
- 9. Respondent has not paid any of the amount he owes to Alexander.
- 10. Respondent presently owes Alexander \$2,218.56, including accrued interest.
- '11. In mitigation, respondent testified that Alexander was aware of his relationship with RE/MAX of Irvine through his advertisements and by virtue of the fact that Alexander was an attorney. Respondent agrees that he owes Alexander the above sum and that he is prepared to repay it within the next sixty (60) days. However, he also admitted that he has not repaid her to date because she filed a complaint against him rather than trying to "work it out" informally.

- 12. Respondent offered the Affidavit of Richard Letourneau, together with respondent's own testimony, to refute the allegation in the Accusation that respondent allowed a personal friend to move into and store furniture in the Alexander property without charge and without Alexander's consent.
- 13. Respondent accepted responsibility and expressed remorse for his acts. He stated that he has never been involved in a lawsuit involving a real estate transaction in his entire 19 years as a real estate salesperson and that he enjoys a reputation for high professionalism among his peers.
- 14. All other evidence in aggravation and mitigation has been considered.

#### DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following determination of issues:

- 1. Cause exists for the revocation or suspension of respondent's license pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 10130 (engaging in the business of and acting in the capacity of a real estate broker); 10145(c) (failure to place received funds into broker's trust fund account); 10137 (accepting employment other than with employing broker); 10177(d) (willful disregard or violation of the Real Estate Law); and 10177(g) (negligence or incompetence in the performance of an act for which a license is required), as set forth in Findings 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
- 2. The Department failed to sustain its burden of proof with respect to its allegation that respondent allowed a personal friend to live in and store furniture in the Alexander property at no charge, and without Alexander's consent, as set forth in Finding 12.
- 3. Respondent is rehabilitated to the extent that it would not be contrary to the public interest to suspend his license, stay the suspension, and establish appropriate probationary conditions on his license, so as to protect the public welfare.

#### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

All licenses and licensing rights of respondent, Charles Duffy Riebe, under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision; provided, however, that said suspension shall be stayed for one (1) year upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. That respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California.
- 2. That respondent shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, and as a condition of this probation, submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of payment of restitution in the amount of \$2218.56 to Candice Taecker-Alexander.
- 3. That respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license.
- 4. That respondent shall, within six months from the effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee.
- 5. That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within one (1) year of the effective date of this Decision.
- 6. Should respondent violate any of the terms or conditions of this probation, as set forth above, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such violation occur, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

DATED: March 8, 1996

H. STUART WAXMAN

Pro Tempore Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Hearings

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In the Matter of the Accusation of )
CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE, )

Case No. H-1998 SA OAH No. L-9507101

Respondent.

#### NOTICE OF CONTINUED HEARING ON ACCUSATION

#### To the above-named Respondent:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at Office of Administrative Hearings, 314 West First Street, Los Angeles, California, on March 1, 1996, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you.

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by applying to the Department of Real Estate.

The hearing shall be conducted in the English language. If you want to offer the testimony of any witness who does not proficiently speak the English language, you must provide your own interpreter. The interpreter must be approved by the Administrative Law Judge conducting the hearing as someone who is proficient in both English and the language in which the witness will testify. You are required to pay the costs of the interpreter unless the Administrative Law Judge directs otherwise.

Dated: December 20, 1995.

**DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE** 

**ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel** 

cc: Charles Duffy Riebe J. Baron Inc. Sacto. OAH

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

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You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

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Dated: August 14, 1995.

CC: Charles Duffy Riebe
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The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of accusation against CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE is informed and alleges in his official capacity as follows:

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CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE (RIEBE) (respondent) is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code).

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All references to the "Code" are to the California
Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations"
are to Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations.

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RIEBE is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law. RIEBE was originally licensed as a real estate salesperson on May 13, 1977. Said license will expire on May 29, 1995. At all mentioned times, RIEBE was licensed as a real estate salesperson and not as a broker by the California Department of Real Estate (Department).

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At all times herein mentioned, in the city of
Irvine, Santa Ana County, RIEBE was employed as a salesperson for
RE/MAX of Irvine. Unbeknownst to RE/MAX, respondent for
compensation or in expectation of compensation engaged in the
business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to
act as an individual real estate broker in the State of California
within the meaning of Section 10131(b) of the Code, including
being principally engaged in real property management activities
including collecting rent for real property.

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In or about March, 1992, Candice Taecker-Alexander (Alexander) retained the services of RIEBE for the purpose of managing her property located at 22 Meadowgrass, Irvine, California. RIEBE, unbeknownst to his broker, RE/MAX of Irvine, accepted compensation as management fees directly from rental receipts received from Jay Schneider (Schneider), the tenant. Respondent accepted several deposits from Schneider including a deposit in the amount of \$2,600. Ultimately he acted to evict Schneider. After eviction and the consequent cessation of rental

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receipts, respondent continued to pay himself compensation in the form of management fees from the prior deposits collected from Schneider. Additionally, respondent allowed a personal friend to move in and store furniture without authorization from Alexander and without payment of rent.

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The conduct of RIEBE, as described in Paragraph V, above, constitutes a violation of Section 10145(c) of the Code. This conduct and violation are cause to suspend or revoke the real estate license and license rights of RIEBE pursuant to Sections 10137, 10177(d) and 10177(g) of the Code.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations made by the Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against the license and license rights of respondent CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law. Dated at Santa Ana, California this 24th day of May, 1995.

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